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BRITISH-FRANCO RUPTURE IS NOW FEARED

French Franc Falls To Lowest Point In History

New War Clouds Are Gathering Over Europe

By UNITED PRESS

With the downfall of the Cuno Government, the publication of correspondence between the allies and two fighting speeches by Premier Poincare of France, the reparations situation became decidedly more acute over the week-end.

In anticipation of a break between England and France, the French franc fell to the lowest point of its history.

From Hannover, Germany, new and fatal rioting was reported with twelve dead and fifty injured.

German Socialists, by a decision reached on "Constitution Day" to join with Communists in voting lack of confidence in the Cuno ministry, forced the Chancellor's resignation. Herr Stresemann, leader of the Volks Parte, is forming a Ministry.

Great Britain caused a sensation which many believe may lead to a definite break with France and Belgium over reparations when a vote in which the legality of the Ruhr occupation was flatly challenged was made public.

On Sunday, in speeches at Marville and Ste. Menehould, Premier Poincare made two inflammatory speeches in which he recalled the horrors of war and attempted to inflame his hearers to continued hatred of Germany, declaring occupation of the Ruhr will not end until Germany has paid.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—The bourse was a center of feverish excitement today as the French franc, in anticipation of a smash-up of the Entente as a result of Britain's reparations note, broke to a new record low of 17.95 to the dollar.

Magnolia Company To Limit Oil Purchases

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 13.—The on a gravity basis, to 50 per cent of the Magnolia Petroleum Company and the production of the wells. The others, effective today and until 50 per cent will be stored under further notice, that it will limit purchases to be furnished producers barrels of crude oil of 28 gravity at once. The company retains an amount above, in all Oklahoma and Texas fields, where it is purchasing crude oil on thirty days notice.

Floating 'Rum Palace' To Open Off Galveston Soon

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 13.—A sailing from Galveston, accommodating one thousand persons, and self-sufficient for war price will be anchored off Galveston just outside the four-mile limit within three weeks, it was announced by Capt. H. N. Goodlad, who with Tom Turcotte of League City, will operate the

YOUNG MAN ELECTROCUTED SUNDAY AFTERNOON

EARL BRADLEY, age 16, son of Mrs. Henry McRidge, met with instant death Sunday evening about seven o'clock. The young man climbed an electric light pole and touched a wire with high tension voltage, on the Tehuacana road near the Mills corner.

Funeral arrangements were made at Riddle's Undertaking Parlor. The funeral will take place at five o'clock to-morrow afternoon at Riddle's Funeral Chapel. The remains will be buried in the city cemetery.

The funeral will be conducted by

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Mr. and Mrs. George Payton and
Misses Ann and Alice Stevens and
Andy Watson returned Sunday from
a week's vacation in South Texas.

Mr. W. C. Sherrill of Fort Worth
visited Mrs. C. P. McKeithen of Mexia
and visiting at a sister Mrs.
Mrs. A. A. Adair for several days.

Mr. F. R. Gandy of Tulsa, Okla.
arrived Sunday to visit his parents
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gandy
who are here to attend Miss Betty
Kremer's wedding.

Mr. W. H. Neely of Dallas who has
been here, Mr. J. C. Turner for
the past week left Monday morning
to New Braunfels to visit her son Roy
and Neely and family.

Mr. H. B. Ballenger and children
of Man, Okla., are visiting her sister
Mrs. A. W. Anderson. They will
leave Friday and will visit in
Waco before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bounds and children
of Waco, Texas, have arrived from
Houma, La., motor'd over to Fairfield Sun-
day, where Mr. Bounds did some ad-
vertising on the Recorder linotype ma-
chine.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Levy, formerly
of Mrs. Robert Rhea of Mansfield
and her son, John Rhea and wife
and three children of Oil City, La.,
stayed over to visit friends on their
way to the coast.

Mrs. B. R. Howard entertained
Saturday afternoon, the Saturday
Bridge Club. Her guests were Mrs.
L. Newman, Mrs. Josie Newman, and
Mrs. A. L. Ichibon. She had three
tables of bridge. Mrs. Ernest Wal-
ton won high score prize which was a
coffee cup and saucer. The hostess
served frozen fruit salad, cheese
sandwiches, lettuce sandwiches, cheese
chips, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McDonald was in
Waco Saturday attending a Council
meeting of the Free Presbyterian church.

Mr. Alce Simmonds returned Sat-
urday to Temple after a week's visit
at the home of Mr. B. B. Simmonds.

Judge and Mrs. W. M. White and
Mrs. Cranmer, Tracy LaMoyne, left
the day for Colorado for a month's
vacation.

Miss Frances and Jimmy Rey-
ne came from South Texas to
spend the week end with Mrs. Sharp
and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones and
son of Glencoe spent the week-
end with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr.
and Mrs. J. D. Arrington.

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We meet the Mayor and City Commissioners, who are elected by the people, and not go into office as the incoming legislative body and appropriate to themselves the jobs of the city.

We are persuaded that this is a very wise provision of this Charter and practically removes the possibility of *de jure* political rings.

Referring to that part of the Mayor's article in which he alludes to the salary of \$1.00 per year provided as compensation for the Mayor and the Commissioners, we beg to state that this was done after mature deliberation and for what we believe to be most excellent reasons.

In the first place we believe that our City has not yet assumed sufficient proportions to justify the payment of a salary sufficiently adequate to command the talents that we need in administering the affairs of our City. In other words, we are not prepared to adequately compensate a man big enough to fill the position of Mayor and Commissioners, should we demand their entire time.

The man who might seek the position as Mayor or that of Commissioner for pecuniary reasons would, in our opinion, be unfit for the place. On the other hand, we are persuaded that we have any number of capable, public-spirited citizens who would assume the responsibility of these offices with no hope of reward other than the consciousness of the performance of a public duty to our town and community.

It was our sole purpose in drafting this charter and especially this particular section to eliminate the possibility and probability of designating politicians whose prime motive in connecting themselves with the City Administration would be financial gain. In the same issue of the Mexia Evening News in which appeared Mayor Watson's criticism, we noticed also

the communication from Mr. A. T. Schulz with reference to taxation which we feel requires our reply.

It would appear that Mr. Schulz is under the impression that if this Proposed Charter should be adopted by the people, our tax rate would automatically go to \$2.00 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation. For the information of the voters, we reproduce Article VII, Section 1, which is as follows:

"The City shall have the power and is hereby authorized annually to levy and collect taxes not exceeding \$2.00 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on real and personal property within the city limits, not exempt from taxation by the Constitution and Laws of the State."

This provision of the Charter simply means that the City Commission cannot for any purpose levy a tax rate greater than \$2.00 on the \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

By referring to Article VIII, Section 4, you will find that no bonds creating any indebtedness against the city can be issued until submitted to a vote of the qualified, tax-paying voters of the city, and for your information, we reproduce this article which reads as follows:

"Before the issuance of any bonds the same shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified property tax paying voters of the city, and should a majority of the votes cast at such election be in favor of issuing the bonds, the same shall be issued as provided herein; but should said election fail to carry, bonds shall not be issued."

In conclusion, permit us to say that we as citizens and tax-payers of Mexia have nothing but the best interest of the town at heart. We candidly and conscientiously believe that the adoption of the proposed Charter will mean a decided step forward in the progress of our town and community,

and we unhesitatingly commend it to the favorable consideration of our entire citizenship.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. Berry
C. H. Machen
Gene Sinclair
J. D. Arrington
Dr. M. M. Brown
Geo. E. Petty
Geo. W. Perkins
Jesse McLendon
J. K. Hughes
Jack Womack
E. T. Measel
Jno. H. Sweat
J. F. Maddox.

ANSWERS SCHULZ
To the News.

Referring to article in Sunday's News by Mr. A. T. Schulz in which he suggests a salary of \$600.00 each for the Commissioners, we beg to say that when we permitted the use of our names for the position of City Commissioners, we understood quite well that is carried no salary with it. We are glad to render whatever service within our power toward the advancement and up-building of our city without fear of punishment or hope of reward. We believe that a man who hasn't the interest of the community in which he lives sufficiently at heart to render it a meagre service by the devotion of a small portion of his time to its welfare, is, to say the least not a very valuable asset to the community.

We shall be glad to continue to render whatever service we can to our city and that without a cents compensation.

In conclusion, we feel constrained to say to those who seem to be disturbed with reference to the connection of Mr. Geo. W. Perkins with the City affairs, that while Mr. Perkins is a very capable man and we feel that

the severance of his relations with and to the City Government will be a loss yet we wish you to know that Mr. Perkins will not be connected with the City Government in any capacity after the First of September, 1923.

Rex Forrest
W. C. Wilson.

ANOTHER ONE AGAINST IT

The proposed charter for the City of Mexia should be voted against, because the law under which it was framed has not been complied with, that is, Art 1096B, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, among other things provides "Not less than thirty days prior to such election the legislative or governing authority of said city SHALL cause the City Clerk or City Secretary to mail a copy of the proposed charter to each qualified voter in said city as appears from the tax collector's rolls for the year ending January 31, preceding said election. If such proposed charter is approved by a majority of the qualified voters, voting at said election, it shall become the charter of said city until amended or repealed provided, that in preparing the charter, the commission shall, as far as practicable, segregate each subject so that the voter may vote "Yes" or "No" on the same."

This means that the proposed charter will be the ticket or ballot cast in

the election. The voters have not been furnished with a copy of the proposed charter as required and if they had been, the way it has been prepared, they would have to vote for or against it in its entirety.

I believe that the people should have the right to elect all officers, and fix their salaries. They have no such right in this proposed charter.

The people should be given the right to say by their ballot what form of government they desire: Aldermanic, Commission or General Manager, or a modification of these forms.

O. Kennedy
John R. Corley.

Tulsa, Facing
Martial Law

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 13.—With state agents investigating the whipping of Nathan Bentaman of Tulsa, martial law for Tulsa is believed imminent. Bentaman is in a hospital here and will confer with Governor Walton. He declared that he did not know why he was whipped. Unless immediate arrests are made it is believed that state troops will be placed over Tulsa.

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of Mexia

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BREAKING speed records and men's hearts—flashing through life to the tune of whirling propellers and roaring engines. That's Bobe, the Speed Girl, in this speediest of all speed pictures. Tiny Moreno is a mysterious crook whose final theft is to steal Bobe's heart.

A Paramount Picture

Admission: 10c and 33c
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Announcing the Arrival
Of New Fall Apparel

—FASHION'S Pendulum swings again to Fall Styles. So this is the time to speak of the Fall Clothes we are now displaying. Frocks and Dresses appropriate for every emergency. Latest Fall Fabrics with the correct "nuance tange" of color to give the striking note. Suits in the up-to-date colors and trimmings and new styles. More elaborate than heretofore shown. Wraps in the "Sling-side-drape" but still effecting the proper straight lines of the silhouette. In fact every garment displayed has that appealing swagger style which be-speaks the latest Fall Fashions. Thus, this will be the opportune time to select a delightfully attractive Fall and Winter Wardrobe.

—See the many beautiful New Fall Hats on display.

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SALARIES OF MAYORS

5,000 to 9,999 Population

Annual Salary

The matter of paying a salary to the Mayor of Mexia has been brought

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JOHN WILKES BOOTH SAW DEATH ANGEL HOVERING NEAR AND MADE CONFESSION TO WIFE OF MINISTER

Oklahoma Historian Has Positive Proof That President Lincoln's Slayer Escaped; Leaving Fortune in Oil Land

FINDS BOOTH'S MARRIAGE RECORD

Daughter is Ready to Claim Big Estate And Offers Proof Which Clears Up One of World's Great Mysteries

BOOTH'S CONFESSION ON HIS DEATH BED

"Stay Woman, Stay! This messenger of death is my guest and I leave to see the curtain of death fall upon the last tragic act of mine. I am going to die in a few minutes and I don't think you will do anything to avert me. I killed the best man that ever lived—Abraham Lincoln. Don't doubt it; I am John Wilkes Booth! I feel the cold as if death's icy hand had me in its clutch, losing my life as a forfeit for my life." John Wilkes Booth Death Bed Confession.

By HOWARD A. HUCKER.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 13.—John Wilkes Booth killed President Abraham Lincoln on the night of April 14, 1865, was chased by soldiers and driven until surrounded in Garrett's barn. He was killed and according to all accounts removed his body and was buried in at least five different places. Some American histories claim John Wilkes Booth as above, except doubt as to the truth of same however. Foot a man living under the alias of David E. George, who committed suicide by taking poison, in the Grand Avenue hotel at Enid, Oklahoma, on January 13, 1902, and concluded that he is Booth, we really the killer of President Lincoln. Is there any question of doubt, according to the just recently received F. W. P. Campbell, custodian of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

But when Campbell, in searching for death about the man living at Enid, after making a death bed confession that he was Booth, has corresponded with over two hundred persons. Perhaps the most

of his friends to secrecy before telling them of his past life.

Custodian Campbell personally knew John Wilkes Booth, alias George, who lived at El Reno, Kingfisher and Enid, at different times. Booth also visited Oklahoma City and was known by many persons here as David E. George.

Booth had requested an interview with the historian and the latter was on his way to Enid, to get his life story, on the day that Booth committed suicide. As result of historical data received, Custodian Campbell has just published a book entitled: "The Escape and Wanderings of John Wilkes Booth Until the Ending of the Trail by Suicide, in Oklahoma."

According to data now well established by the historian, John Wilkes Booth lived in Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma also spent part of his life as a fugitive in Old Mexico during the reign of Emperor Maximilian of Mexico. He posed as a scenic artist while living in Oklahoma. In Memphis, he worked as a carpenter, while in Atlanta, he appeared as a traveling evangelist and held a series of meetings there. For a number of years, Booth, living under the alias of John St. Helen, conducted a store at Glenrose Mills, Hood county, Texas, located near Borger mountains.

On at least two different occasions prior to the date of his suicide, though while ill and expecting to die, confessed that he was the slayer of President Lincoln. Before making the confessions, he exacted promises of the utmost secrecy, however.

"I am John Wilkes Booth; I killed the greatest man that ever lived."

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were the last words of Booth, at Enid. A short time prior to this, his confession to Mrs. Harper, wife of the Rev. Harper of El Reno, Okla., was as follows:

"Mr. George, if that was his name, resided in this territory for a number of years and always seemed well supplied with money, the source of which no one knew except himself. The money came in regular remittances. My acquaintances with him led me to believe he was a different person from what he represented himself—David E. George, the painter.

"He was eccentric and although claiming to be a house painter, he did no work. (Painted one house but made a bad mess of it.) He was possessed of the highest degree of intelligence, always maintained the bearing of a gentleman of culture and refinement; in conversation was fluent, polished and captivating, discussing subjects of the greatest moment with familiarity and ease.

"Never do I remember his referring to the history of his life or that he was other than David E. George until the time he thought he was going to die—about the middle of April, 1902. He had gone up town returning soon after he entered the room where Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Beers and myself were seated. He made some casual remark about the weather for the time of the year, then went to his room. In the

course of about fifteen minutes he called up and said:

"I feel as though I were going to be very sick" and asked me to get a minister. For some time as he lay on the bed, he gazed at himself in the glass. Mrs. Beers said she could see the pupils of his eyes dilate and believed he had been taking morphine. Being uneasy, I got him a cup of coffee and insisted till he drank it, but when I mentioned sending for a doctor he raised himself up in a dramatic and peculiar manner and voice while holding the mirror before him:

"Stay, woman, stay! This messenger of death is my guest, and I desire to see the curtain of death fall upon the last tragic act of mine." With a passionate utterance that brought tears to our eyes. As I turned to hide my emotions, he called to me stating that he had something to tell me.

"I am going to die in a few minutes and I don't believe you will do anything to injure me."

"Did it ever occur to you that I am anything but an ordinary painter?"

"I killed the best man that ever lived!"

"I asked him who it was and he answered:

"Abraham Lincoln."

"I could not believe it simply thinking he was out of his head, and asked: 'Who was Abraham Lincoln?'

"Is it possible you are so ignorant as not to know?" he asked.

"Then took a pencil and paper and wrote in a peculiar but legible hand, the name—Abraham Lincoln."

"Don't doubt it, he said, 'I am John Wilkes Booth, I am dying now!'

"I feel cold as if death's icy hand had me in its clutch closing my life

as a forfeit for my deed."

"He told me he was well off; and seemed to be perfectly rational; knew me and where he was, and I really thought in fact he was dying when he exacted a pledge that I would keep his secret until he was dead, adding that if anyone should find out now, that he was John Wilkes Booth, the would take him out and hang him, and the people who loved him so well would despise him."

"He told me that people in official life hated Lincoln, and were implicated in his assassination. He said the ha

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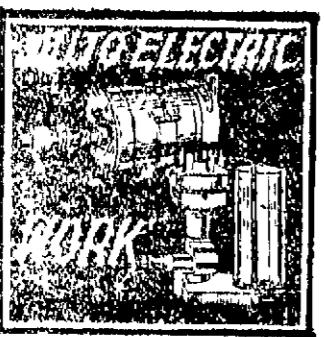
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of being detected constantly preyed on him and was something awful and that his life was miserable.

"He said that Mrs. Surratt was innocent and the thought that he was responsible for her death as well as that of the others, stalked ever before him like ghosts that would not down. "He said that he was devoted to acting but had to give it up because of his rash deed, and the thought that he had to run away from the stage when he loved the life of acting so well, made him restless and ill-tempered. He said he had plenty of money but had to play the roll of workman to keep his mind occupied."

CHARTER MEETS OPPOSITION

From The People

TO THE VOTERS:

When I made the race for Mayor I did so without hope of personal gain. I knew at the time that only \$5.00 per month was being paid. Since taking the oath of office last April neither the Commissioners or myself have received one penny for our service.

The present printed ordinance provides that the Mayor and Commissioners may receive \$50 or any part of that amount. So at one meeting when Mr. Perkins was not present the City Council decided that \$25 should be paid for incidental and other expenses.

Now in all fairness to you before you cast your vote, why not ask your Commissioners who they have in mind to appoint as City Manager and who they intend to make City Recorder. Without the charter the Mayor is Ex-officio Recorder. And in this connection I want to say that the nearest blood money I ever received is my fees for slight infractions of the traffic laws.

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for his services. On a compromise he finally agreed to accept \$250 until Aug. 10th. I have been advised by one of the Commissioners that they have agreed with him to finish the month. No action was taken at any Commission meeting regarding this matter. I was just thinking what shape we and my bondsmen would be in if any taxpayer wanted that difference refunded as the records are silent as to this transaction.

I made the Commissioners this proposition, that if they would permit me to employ some good bookkeeper I would guarantee to handle the city's affairs in a business like manner and save to taxpayers not less than \$2,500 per year.

Let me tell you something: during the year 1922 more than \$8,970 passed through the general fund. These figures were taken from the city records. This fund is the only fund that money can be used for any and all purposes and I want you to know it was all spent.

The other funds must be kept separate and only used for the specific purpose for which the bonds were voted.

The general fund is overdrawn about \$10,000 now with 5 more months to run before tax paying period. We have had the city books audited and will give you a report on it soon.

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I can place a fine on a real law violator with as much grace as any man who ever occupied the chair. In conclusion I want to say there is no malice in my heart for any one. My sole aim and purpose is to give you the best possible government at a minimum cost.

Yours very truly,
E. WATSON, Mayor.

GULF WITHERSPOON

A PROLIFIC LEASE

The Gulf Production Company's 20 acre Witherspoon lease in the southwest end of the field has proven to be the most prolific lease in the field for its size. Five additional tests are being drilled on the same lease, and every test is an offset location due to the shape of the lease.

The s. and water trouble reported last week in some of the wells on the south edge of the structure in the southwest end of the field has been materially reduced by curtailing the flow of the wells. Humble's B. F. Irvine 1-A is only making about two net barrels a. s. after greatly restricting its flow to 126 barrels per hour, although it made as high as 20 per cent when allowed to flow at the rate of 15,000 barrels.

FORT WORTH.—Operators of Dallas-Fort Worth jitneys are preparing to resist enforcement of the ordinances of that city recently adopted prohibiting the operation of jitneys on certain streets to relieve traffic congestion.



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LABOR UNION BANK

DALLAS, Aug 11.—Operation of a labor union bank here within a few months was forecast today by representatives of trade unions and the Farm Labor union, following approval of plans for the bank by various organizations behind the movement. It is proposed to organize the bank either as a state or national institution, along the lines followed by railway union organizations and by central councils in other cities where banks are in successful operation.

ABILENE.—The Abilene Chamber of Commerce will make a trip over West Texas August 21 to 24 and among other places will visit Roby over the rebuilt Roby and Northern Railroad. This will be the first Pullman train to go over that short line which is now being electrified.

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The pipe line being laid to Hearne from Groesbeck by the Humble Oil Company has brought to our city a large force of workmen, and visitors to the Humble Oil company properties now view a small city of tents raised almost over night to house the men. It is good to watch the hum and stir of the crowd, and better still to think that the great industry is located among us.—Hearne Democrat.

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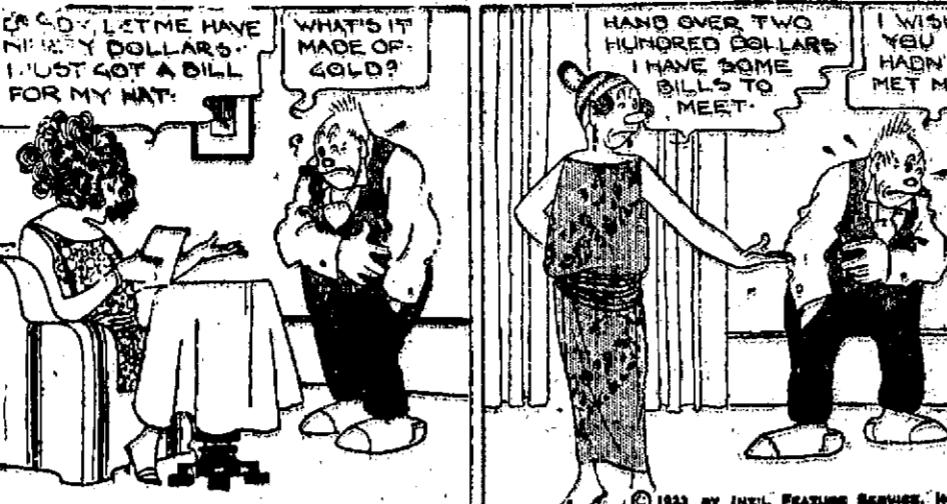
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White Popejoy,
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By N. P. Harris, Deputy.
(12-19-23)

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You are hereby commanded to
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suit, numbered on the docket of said
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is Defendant, and said petition al-
leging plaintiff and defendant were
legally married, that defendant aban-
doned plaintiff for more than three
years, plaintiff sued for divorce
on the grounds of abandonment, for
such relief as the Court may grant.

Morris fail not, and have before
said Court, at its aforesaid next reg-
ular term, this writ with your return
thereon, showing how you have ex-
ecuted the same.

Given under my hand and the seal
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this the 3rd day of Aug. A. D. 1923.

John Wakefield, Clerk,
Dist. Court, Limestone County.
A true copy I certify.

White Popejoy,
Sheriff, Limestone County, Texas.

By N. P. Harris, Deputy.
(12-19-26-27)

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Given under my official signature
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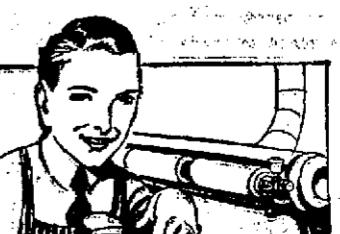
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The picture is replete with interesting scenes which embrace nearly every phase of Ford manufacture from the time the giant trees are felled in the Ford forests, are taken from the Ford ore mines, coal from the Ford Coal mines and on all through the various stages of development from raw materials to completed cars and trucks.

Of particular interest are the scenes in the great River Rouge Plant of the Ford Motor company where glimpses are given of the world's greatest foundry with a series of thrilling pictures taken in the great furnace rooms where molten metal flows in fiery streams all day long.

Another striking feature of the picture comprises the sequence of scenes in the Highland Park plant, where 69,000 men are now employed along the famous Ford assembly lines turning out daily average of 6,500 Ford cars and trucks. These scenes include views of the magneto, transmission, rear axle, motor car assembly lines, each highly interesting operations.

Glass making, body building, cutting, sawing and fitting of top material and other phases of automobile manufacture are shown.

Henry Ford, the guiding genius of the great industry, is presented in several scenes in one of which he drives the first Ford car which, by the way, still runs.

"The Ford Age," besides affording most comprehensive showing of the magnitude of the Ford Motor Company, is a fine example of motion picture photography. There are many beautiful scenes including the snow-clad forests of Michigan, mountain and valley views and striking pictures of the South and of foreign countries.

Women Wind Colls.

Women are employed in only one department of the Ford Motor Company's great factory at Highland Park. You will see them happily at work in "The Ford Age," a production of the Ford Motion Picture Laboratory, which will be shown at the Opera

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REDFIELD-FLAKE

Married, at the residence of H. L. Hall, this city, Sunday, 9:00 a. m. L. Hall, this city, Sunday 9:00 a. m. Miss Elizabeth Flake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Flake, of Mexia to Mr. Clarence Marion Redfield. The groom is city salesman for Willis, Holland and company of Waco.

The wedding was one of the sweetest and most impressive, as Rev. G. T. Reeves, pastor of the Christian church, in beautiful and solemn words, pronounced them husband and wife.

Only a few intimate friends enjoyed being present to bid them God-

speed as they launched their bark of happiness down the stream of time.

Upon conclusion of the ceremony they left immediately for their home in Waco.

May God's richest blessings follow them.—A. Friend.

SAN ANTONIO.—Joe H. Gill, assistant general manager of the Dallas Power and Light company addressed the Lions club here last week on "The Relation of Public Utilities to Community Building." He explained the necessity for good public utility service in the development of a community.

DALLAS.—A survey of the industries of Texas made by the Texas Chamber of Commerce shows that there are 3,611 cotton gins in the state worth nearly seventy million dollars.

WILL TRADE.—Two cows and hog, for wagon. Phone 9001-F3. 13J3

The paving crew finished Hopkins

street Saturday, and that street is now open to traffic. This finishes up all of the streets that had been concreted and the next work will be some odds and ends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mathis have returned from a motor trip to Galveston.

Several Mexia fans went up to Corsicana Sunday to see the ball game.

Puffed Grains

Steam exploded—airy, flavor

8 times normal size

Quaker Puffed Wheat and Quaker Puffed Rice are whole grains steam exploded. Over 125 million steam explosions are caused in every kernel.

The food cells are broken, so digestion is made easy and complete. The grains are puffed to airy globules, thin and flaky, with a taste like toasted nuts.

Thus whole grains are made enticing. People revel in them morning, noon and night.

They are served by the millions of mothers who want their children to eat whole-grain foods in abundance. At breakfast with cream and sugar, between meals with melted butter, at night in bowls of milk.

Whole wheat supplies 12 minerals which growing children must have. It provides their need of bran. And milk supplies the vitamines.

Here whole wheat is made a food confection, by Professor Anderson's great process. And the finest cereal dainties people ever tasted are made of rice and wheat.

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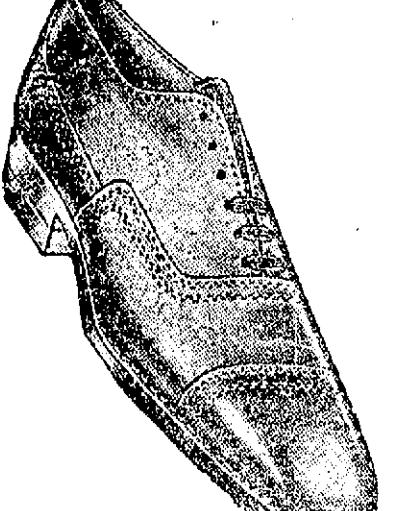
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"That's no fish story!
It's the best cigarette
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We have a great line in all widths, sizes and leathers, in high and low cuts.

Brogues - Straight Last - Swing Toe
Come in and let us fit you up.

THE BOSTON STORE

The post office is across the street from us.

Taste is a matter of tobacco quality

We state it as our honest belief that the tobaccos used in Chesterfield cigarettes are of finer quality (and hence of better taste) than in any other cigarette at the price.
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French Franc Falls To Lowest Point In History

New War Clouds Are Gathering Over Europe

By UNITED PRESS

With the downfall of the Cuno Government, the publication of correspondence between the allies and two fighting speeches by Premier Poincare of France, the reparations situation became decidedly more acute over the week-end.

In anticipation of a break between England and France, the French franc fell to the lowest point of its history.

From Hannover, Germany, new and fatal rioting was reported with twelve dead and fifty injured.

German Socialists, by a decision reached on "Constitution Day" to join with Communists in voting lack of confidence in the Cuno ministry, forced the Chancellor's resignation. Herr Stresemann, leader of the Volks Parte, is forming a Ministry.

Great Britain caused a sensation which many believe may lead to a definite break with France and Belgium over reparations when a note in which the legality of the Ruhr occupation was flatly challenged was made public.

On Sunday, in speeches at Marville and Steenay, Premier Poincare made two inflammatory speeches in which he recalled the horrors of war time and attempted to inflame his hearers to continued hatred of Germany, declaring occupation of the Ruhr will not end until Germany has paid.

PARIS, Aug. 13.—The bourse was a center of feverish excitement today as the French franc, in anticipation of a smash-up of the Entente as a result of Britain's reparations note, broke to a new record low of 17.95 to the dollar.

Magnolia Company To Limit Oil Purchases

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 13.—The company on a gravity basis, to 50 per cent of the production of the wells. The other 50 per cent will be stored under further notice, that it will limit purchases to be furnished producers bases of crude oil of 28 gravity and above, in all Oklahoma and Texas fields where it is purchasing crude on thirty days notice.

Floating 'Rum Palace' To Open Off Galveston Soon

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 13.—A floating "rum palace", accommodating one thousand persons, and selling liquor at pre-war prices will be anchored off Galveston just outside the four mile limit within three weeks, it was announced by Capt. H. N. Copeland, who, with Tom Turner of League City, will operate the

resort. The schooner Atlantic will be used. A picked crew will man the boat and machine guns will be stationed on the deck. Guests will not be permitted to take liquor ashore. Several attorney declare they will not be violating any law. An excursion boat will be run from Galveston to the ship.

YOUNG MAN ELECTROCUTED SUNDAY AFTERNOON

By PAUL R. MALLON
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—President Coolidge steps

into the White House today to clean up the correspondence left by the sudden death of President Harding.

Pledged to carry out the principles of his predecessor Mr. Coolidge goes into the executive offices as President for the first time to take his place at the desk where President Hard and finish the job.

Matters of immediate concern are the anthracite situation, appointment of his personal secretary and preservation of the Harding organization within the Republican party.

Mr. Coolidge's entrance into the executive offices will not disturb Mrs. Harding's occupancy of the White House proper. The offices are in a separate wing.

In the coal strike situation Mr. Coolidge is considering two courses.

1. Calling the miners and operators to the White House and serving

the notice that the Government has

recovered. But where the President found cause

WHO WILL BE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE TO SUCCEED HARDING?



By virtue of his office, President Calvin Coolidge becomes a likely candidate for the Republican nomination in 1924, which politicians agree would have been given to President Harding if he had lived. It is likely that Senator Hiram Johnson, of California; Senator Robert M. La Follette, Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois; Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes, Governor General Leonard Wood, of the Philippines, and Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover will all be boomed by their followers for the honor of leading the party in the 1924 campaign.

U. S. Tex Ramsey At Powell Comes In Making 24,000 Barrels

Seven Killed In Train Collision In Colorado

BRYAN ROTARY CLUB COMING WEDNESDAY

PUEBLO, Colo., Aug. 13.—Seven railway employees were killed, and two trainmen and one passenger injured when two passenger trains on the Colorado and Southern and Santa Fe collided head on at Fowler, Colo. The trains were to have met at Fowler. The Colorado and Southern train derailed over the Santa Fe because of a washout. The engine crews of the C. & S. double header were killed and the engineer of the Santa Fe. A baggage car was demolished. No passenger cars were damaged.

Wednesday of this week the Rotary program will be in charge of the Bryan club. The visitors will reach Mexia at 3:45 over the H. & T. C. They will be met by Mexia Rotarians who will conduct them in automobiles to the baseball park, where the Guhsers will perform.

A sight seeing tour will follow, led

by Rotarian Nelson Forrest, "the best

looking member of the club."

This tour will include a visit of inspection

of the new high school building.

The arrangements for the day are

under the supervision of A. H. Berry

and his committee.

In the evening, the Mexia Rotarians and their ladies will accompany the Bryan delegation to the Colonel's Playgrounds, where the program will be given.

The local members are taking

a great deal of interest in the

plans for the day and will no doubt be

present 100 per cent. Several weeks

ago, the Mexia club staged a program

at Bryan and this is the return cour-

tesy.

There will be no extra session of

Congress if Mr. Coolidge can prevent it.

While some of the new progressives

have insisted that the needs

of the farmers must be attended to

immediately, others in the farm bloc

have told the President that legisla-

tive action before Dec. 1, would not

have the desired effect.

WIND STORM IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 13.—Four persons are known to have per-

ished in a severe wind and rain

storm which swept Ohio and West

Virginia from the northwest during

the night. At least a dozen persons

were injured and many thousands

of dollars damage done to buildings

and crops.

It will be accomplished at the Inter-

national Petroleum Exposition and

Congress, held in Tulsa the week

of October 8, when a core of rock

taken from the Burbank, Oklahoma,

oil fields, by means of the diamond

core drill, will be exhibited, show-

ing all the strata, dips, angles, and

other geological structure of the

world famous oil region.

This is scheduled to be one of the

most unusual and interesting fea-

tures of the scientific and technical

exhibits at the big oil and gas show

driven by Charles S. Metzler Jr.

Gustave Stresemann Forming New Cabinet

By CARL D. GROAT

United Press Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, Aug. 13.—Dr. Gustave Stresemann, leader of the Deutsche Volkesparti, sought today to form a coalition government to replace that of Chancellor Cuno, who resigned Sunday.

Stresemann, regarded as mouth piece of the industrialists, will continue German's policy of passive resistance in the Ruhr, it is understood. The reason for Cuno's downfall were economic and had to do with the internal situation. Decision of the Socialist party to vote against the government on a question of confidence today forced the resignation.

Speculation on the personnel of the new Cabinet this morning centred around the post of foreign minister. Some observers believed Stresemann would fill the portfolio himself temporarily.

Names mentioned for other portfolios included Reichs Deputy Sollman, a Rhenish editor with backing of the United Socialists, interior; Herr Jaeckel, president in the union movement; labor; Rudolph Hilferding, finance and Herr Radbuck, justice.

Stresemann, whose desire for the chancellorship has been an open secret for months, finally got his chance last night when President Ebert accepted the resignation of Dr. Wilhelm Cuno, "business premier," and his entire Cabinet, because of the Socialist opposition.

The new Chancellor began formation of his government amid scenes of turmoil and despair throughout the nation. He faced a task that might well have daunted the strongest leader of a united country, instead of a people divided by politics, torn by Communist dissension and suffering from military, economic and political pressure from without. Stresemann had the advantage, however, of an apparently strong coalition majority in Parliament with only the Communists and extreme monarchists for immediate opposition.

While the political crisis was on, Berlin continued an armed camp, strong detachments of soldiers and police patrolling Wilhelmstrasse and guarding Government buildings to prevent Reds from carrying out their threats of an attack on the retiring Chancellor and President Ebert.

Although the retirement of Cuno was expected to bring a lull in disorders which swept the Nation over the week-end resulting in upwards of thirty dead and scores of wounded, it was not believed either Stresemann or any other leader would be able to stave off for long the impending storm cause by hunger and despair.

Oil Show To Offer Concentrated Geology

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 13.—The geological history of the world in one lesson.

The passage of the Ages, unpronounceable and forbidding, the ravages of flood, glacier and earthquake, the onward march of the "zoic" and "cenes," all spread out before the casual observer in a neat, compact and portable form.

It will be accomplished at the International Petroleum Exposition and Congress, held in Tulsa the week of October 8, when a core of rock taken from the Burbank, Oklahoma, oil fields, by means of the diamond core drill, will be exhibited, showing all the strata, dips, angles, and other geological structure of the world famous oil region.

Among the commercial exhibits will be shown several complete rigs carrying diamond core drills, actually demonstrating how the removal of the core is accomplished.

LAD KILLED BY GOLF BALL KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 13.—Harry Fanning, 13, was killed at the Shawnee Heights Golf club when struck by a golf ball. The youth had just left his home to go to work as

an errand when he was hit by a ball

driven by Charles S. Metzler Jr.



Mr. and Mrs. George Peyton and Misses Ann and Alice Stevens and Kelly Stevens returned Sunday from a week vacation in South Texas.

Mrs. W. J. Scherzer of Fort Worth and sister Mrs. C. E. McFadden of Dallas are visiting Misses in sister Mrs. Watson's apartment for several days.

Mrs. F. B. Lambrell of Tulsa, Okla., came yesterday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Corley, who will be here to attend Miss Betty Kennedy's wedding.

Mr. E. R. Nease of Dallas who has been visiting Mrs. J. C. Nease for the past week left Monday morning for Bay Ridge to visit her son Robert Nease and family.

Mr. H. B. Ballenger and children of Altus, Okla., are visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Anderson. They will leave Tuesday and will visit in Weatherford before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bounds and children, U. M. Morgan and Major N. P. Houck motored over to Fairfield Sunday, where Mr. Bounds did some justing on the Recorder linotype machine.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Levy, formerly Mrs. Robert Rhea of Mansfield and her son, John Rhea and wife and three children of Oil City, La., stopped over to visit friends on their way to the coast.

Mrs. B. R. Howard entertained Saturday afternoon, the Saturday Bridge Club. Her guests were Mrs. J. Newman, Miss Josie Newman, and Mrs. A. L. Itchison. She had three tables of bridge. Mrs. Ernest Watson won high score prize which was a coffee cup and saucer. The hostess served frozen fruit salad, cheese sandwiches, lettuce sandwiches, cheese chips, ice tea.

ANYTHING IN STOCK, will be sold at 10% discount for cash, if you buy this week. See our porch furniture, Walton Furniture Company, by City Hall, Mexia. By Post office, Corsicana. 13K5

FOR RENT: Tow room houses. Furnished or unfurnished. Lights and water. Apply 820 E. Commerce. 13K4

LOST: Suit case, contains letters addressed to H. L. Bills, Corsicana 221 West Collin street. Lost between Mexia and Corsicana Wednesday afternoon. Finder please notify, H. L. Bills at Mexia hotel. Reward. 13D2

FOR RENT OR SALE: House on South corner of Sherman St. Apply to S. Nelson or H. Sorenson on corner of McKinney and Smith St. 201. 13K4

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OPERA HOUSE

BENEFIT FIREMEN'S FUND

**A Finish
Wrestling Match**

AND

Boxing Bouts

Charlie Hackenschmidt

Ex-Champion Light Heavy Weight

VS

Harry Demetral of Mexia

Two good 4-round boxing bouts

Ladies Welcome

\$1.00 Admission \$1.00

Letters from People

**FOR THE CHARTER
TO THE VOTERS AND CITIZENS
OF MEXIA:**

Article X, Section 2, of the Proposed Charter which reads as follows: "The Commission shall enact all ordinances and resolutions and adopt all regulations and constitute the legislative and governing body of the City, with all powers and authority herein granted."

By reading Article IX, Section 5 we might infer that the City Commission would be compelled to make separate

appointments for each and every office enumerated therein which is by no means the case and in support of our position, we refer you to Article XIX, Section 7, which reads as follows:

"The City Commission shall have the power and may create and consolidate such offices as they deem proper, and may divide the administration of the City's affairs into such de-

partments as they deem advisable, as above quoted that the City Commission may consolidate the duties of every office and require their performance by one individual should the business of the City get to where one person could do the work, and then in case of emergency, the City Commission could separate the duties of the different offices and appoint more officers in case the business of the City should require it—the only limitation

Local News

Joe Arrington was in Mexia Sunday.

Roy A. Jordan attended a church meeting at Waco Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Werner left Saturday for Dallas where she will be gone for several days.

Roy Comb and brother, George, came up to Cleburne to visit Roy's wife and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith left for Galveston Saturday on an extended vacation.

John O'Neal, formerly of Mexia, but now of Waxahachie, visited friends here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Garland Adair and their son, Jim, motored over to Waco today on a business mission.

Mrs. C. W. Cone returned Friday from Denver, Colorado, where she has been on an extended vacation.

Miss Annie Lee McDonald was in Waco Sunday attending a Council meeting of the Presbyterian church.

Miss Alice Simmonds returned Saturday to Temple after a week's visit in the home of Mr. B. B. Simmonds.

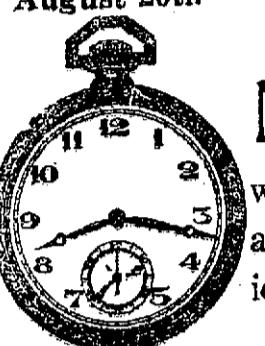
Judge and Mrs. W. M. White and their grandson, Tracy LaMoyne, left Thursday for Colorado for a month's vacation.

Harold France and Jimmy Reynolds came from South Texas to spend the week end with Mrs. Sharp and daughter.

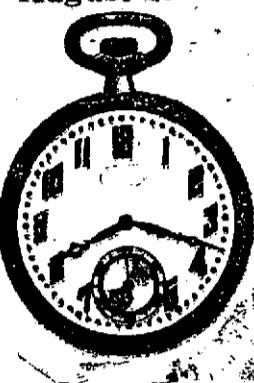
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones and baby of Groesbeck spent the week end with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Arrington.

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Being that the Mayor and City Commissioners who are elected by the people could not go into office as the governing legislative body and appropriate to themselves the jobs of the city.

We are persuaded that this is a very wise provision of this Charter and practically removes the possibility of designing political rings.

Referring to that part of the Mayor's article in which he alludes to the salary of \$100 per year provided as compensation for the Mayor and the Commissioners, we beg to state that this was done after mature deliberation and for what we believe to be most excellent reasons.

In the first place we believe that our City has not yet assumed sufficient proportions to justify the payment of a salary sufficiently adequate to command the talent that we need in administering the affairs of our City.

In other words, we are not prepared to adequately compensate a man big enough to fill the position of Mayor and Commissioners, should we demand their entire time. The man who might seek the position as Mayor or that of Commissioner for pecuniary reasons would, in our opinion, be unfit for the place. On the other hand, we are persuaded that we have any number of capable, public-spirited citizens who would assume the responsibility of these offices with no hope of reward other than the consciousness of the performance of a public duty to our town and community.

It was our sole purpose in drafting this charter and especially this particular section to eliminate the possibility and probability of designing politicians whose prime motive in connecting themselves with the City Administration would be financial gain.

In the same issue of the Mexia Evening News in which appeared Mayor Watson's criticism, we noticed also

the communication from Mr. A. T. Schulz with reference to taxation the favorable consideration of our entire citizenship.

It would appear that Mr. Schulz is under the impression that if this Proposed Charter should be adopted by the people, our tax rate would automatically go to \$2.00 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation. For the information of the voters, we reproduce Article VII, Section 1, which is as follows:

"The City shall have the power and is hereby authorized annually to levy and collect taxes not exceeding \$2.00 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on real and personal property within the city limits, not exempt from taxation by the Constitution and Laws of the State."

This provision of the Charter simply means that the City Commission cannot for any purpose levy a tax rate greater than \$2.00 on the \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

By referring to Article VIII, Section 4, you will find that no bonds creating any indebtedness against the city can be issued until submitted to a vote of the qualified, tax-paying voters of the city, and for your information, we reproduce this article which reads as follows:

"Before the issuance of any bonds the same shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified property tax paying voters of the city, and should a majority of the votes cast at such election be in favor of issuing the bonds, the same shall be issued as provided herein; but should said election fail to carry, bonds shall not be issued."

In conclusion, permit us to say that we are citizens and tax-payers of Mexia having nothing but the best interest of the town at heart. We candidly and conscientiously believe that the adoption of the proposed Charter will mean a decided step forward in the progress of our town and community,

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. Berry
C. H. Machen
Gene Sinclair
J. D. Arrington
Dr. M. M. Brown
Geo. E. Petty
Geo. W. Perkins
Jesse McLendon
J. K. Hughes
Jack Womack
E. T. Measels
Jno. H. Swatt
J. F. Maddox.

ANSWERS SCHULZ

To the News.

the severance of his relations with and to the City Government will be a loss yet we wish you to know that Mr. Perkins will not be connected with the City Government in any capacity after the First of September, 1923.

Rex Forrest

W. C. Wilson.

ANOTHER ONE AGAINST IT

The proposed charter for the City of Mexia should be voted against, because the law under which it was framed has not been complied with, that is, Art. 1096B, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, among other things provides "Not less than thirty days prior to such election the legislative or governing authority of said city SHALL cause the City Clerk or City Secretary to mail a copy of the proposed charter to each qualified voter in said city as appears from the tax collector's rolls for the year ending January 31, preceding said election. If such proposed charter is approved by a majority of the qualified voters, voting at said election, it shall become the charter of said city until amended or repealed provided, that in preparing the charter, the commission shall, as far as practicable, segregate each subject so that the voter may vote "Yes" or "No" on the same." This means that the proposed charter will be the ticket or ballot cast in

the election. The voters have not been furnished with a copy of the proposed charter as required and if they had been, the way it has been prepared, they would have to vote for or against it in its entirety.

I believe that the people should have the right to elect all officers, and fix their salaries. They have no such right in this proposed charter.

The people should be given the right to say by their ballot what form of government they desire: Aldermanic, Commission or General Manager, or a modification of these forms.

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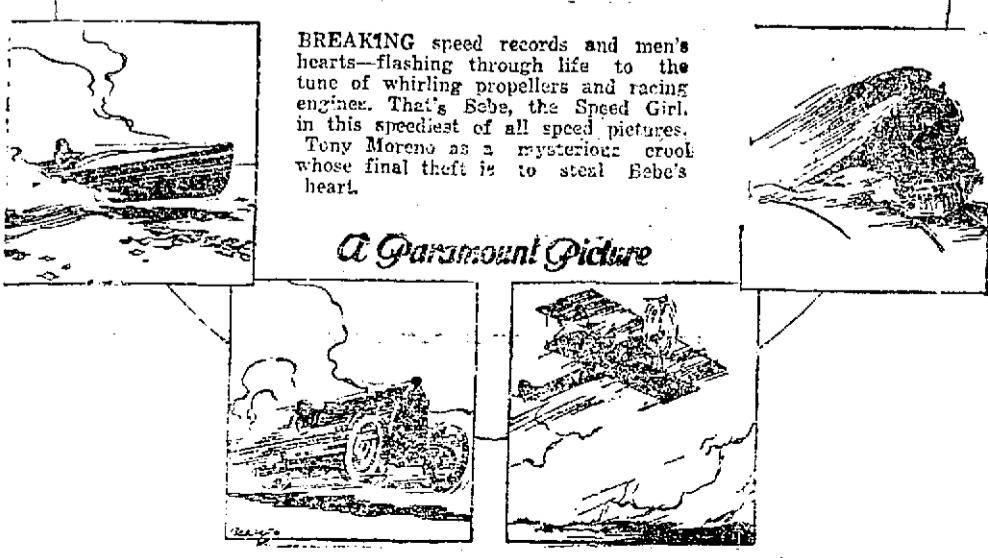
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Ames, Iowa	800	
Baker, Ore.	2900	
Beatrice, Nebr.	1800	
Beaver Dam, Wis.	600	
Bellefontaine, O.	1000	
Bellevue, Ky.	500	
Bellevue, Pa.	300	
Denton, Ill.	600	
Blackwell, Okla.	600	
Bogalusa, La.	1000	
Bristol, Va.	300	
Bryan, Tex.	60	
Calais, Me.	200	
Carbondale, Ill.	300	
Centralia, Wash.	1200	
Cherokee, Iowa	300	
Chillicothe, Mo.	300	
Clequet, Minn.	100	
Collingswood, N. J.	1900	
Collinsville, Ill.	600	
Columbus, Nebr.	500	
Cocheshocken, Pa.	400	
Corpolis, Pa.	450	
Corry, Pa.	500	
Covington, Va.	1600	
Cudahy, Wis.	125	
Cushing, Okla.	2400	
Daytona, Fla.	—	
DeKalk, Ill.	500	
East Palestine, O.	600	
Elberton, Ga.	300	
Elizabeth City, N. C.	300	
Endicott, N. Y.	1200	
Ennis, Tex.	350	
Fayetteville, Ark.	2100	
Fayetteville, N. C.	1800	
Fort Collins, Colo.	700	
Forsteria, O.	900	
Freeport, N. Y.	400	
Gainesville, Texas	400	
Great Barrington, Mass.	750	
Greensburg, Ind.	720	
Greenville, N. C.	1200	
Haddonfield, N. J.	750	
Hampton, Va.	600	
Harrisonburg, Va.	600	
Haverstraw, N. Y.	1200	
Helena, Ark.	250	
Hoopston, Ill.	300	
Johnston City, Ill.	200	

"In municipalities having a city manager, the salary of the mayor is ordinarily smaller, of course, than in a city of corresponding size in which the mayor has the major responsibility for the management of the city's affairs. City manager municipalities are, therefore, indicated by an asterisk in the lists which follow.

If no salary whatever is paid to the mayor, a dash appears in place of figures in the salary column."

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

THE FUTURE OF COTTON

(Houston Post)

Eastern financial firms of unquestioned standing are predicting a new firmness in the cotton market, with prospects of higher prices when definite knowledge is had of the actual crop for this year.

One of these concerns in its weekly bulletin says:

"The end-of-season statistics are of a generally bullish showing. The world's actual consumption of American cotton turns out to have been 12,631,000 bales, while the carry-over for this year is less than half of what remained last year. Visible and invisible supplies are down to comparatively small figures, which would seem to require a good-sized crop this year to prevent actual scarcity and corresponding high prices, on the basis of last year's consumption."

There is practically no substitute for cotton in the manufacture of yarns and goods for wearing apparel,

although high prices frequently have

made it necessary to use other, cheap

er fibers for making cordage, bagging and packing material.

"The acknowledged depletion of stock of bath raw material and finished goods, together with recent moderate buying by jobbers, etc., have established possibilities for a great increase in future absorption especially with a satisfactory settlement of the German reparations squabble.

"The crop outlook in Texas and the Southwest has been reduced materially from the earlier-season estimates, but a liberal supply and daily increasing offerings are expected with favorable harvesting weather conditions. For the moment weather conditions in the cotton producing States have much to do with shaping the market, although indications are not lacking that trade and speculative support will be forthcoming if prices rule on a workable basis."

Other authorities, issuing similar bulletins, are agreed that with a short hold over supply and an apparent lack of over production, cotton prices will rise and will hold at the higher levels.

Victoria, Texas	1200	Harrison, N. J.	1000	*San Angelo, Texas	600
Washington, N. C.	600	Harlingen, Nebr.	500	*Santa Barbara, Calif.	150
Webster City, Ia.	1	Helena, Mont.	3000	Santa Cruz, Calif.	1200
Westfield, N. J.	1	Henderson, Ky.	2200	Stratford Springs, N. Y.	500
Weston, W. Va.	500	Hutchinson, Kans.	600	Shamokin, Pa.	1500
Wilmar, Minn.	600	Jackson, Tenn.	2500	Shawnee, Okla.	1800
Wilmington, O.	600	Kankakee, Ill.	1800	*Stamton, Va.	300
*Winchester, Va.	100	Keene, N. H.	600	Stratford, Ontario	1000
York, Nebr.	10,000 to 24,999 Population	Key West, Fla.	1400	Tiffin, O.	1200
	Annual	Lancaster, O.	1500	Trinidad, Colo.	2400
	City—	Little Falls, N. Y.	600	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	1500
	Salary	Marshall, Texas	1800	Uniontown, Pa.	1200
		Annanapolis, Md.	2500	Urbana, Ill.	1000
		Ann Arbor, Mich.	500	Vallejo, Calif.	2400
		Appleton, Wis.	1200	Vincennes, Ind.	1500
		Asbury Park, N. J.	2500	Waycross, Ga.	1000
		Asland, Wis.	900	West Chester, Pa.	600
		Athens, Ga.	1800	Northampton, Mass.	1200
		Augusta, Me.	500	Oneida, N. Y.	300
		*Bakersfield, Calif.	600	Ottumwa, Ia.	2100
		Bartlesville, Okla.	2000	Pekin, Ill.	1200
		Billings, Mont.	1500	Piqua, O.	1200
		Bucyrus, O.	1800	Port Arthur, Ontario	1500
		Canton, Ill.	600	Plymouth, Pa.	1500
		Cape Girardeau, Mo.	1500	Pottstown, Pa.	600
		Casper, Wyo.	1000	Reno, Nev.	900
		Chambersburg, Pa.	125	Rutland, Vt.	600
		Cheyenne, Wyo.	2400	St. Cloud, Minn.	1500
		Chitton, Ia.	1000		
		Cleburne, Texas	1800		
		Columbia, Pa.	500		
		Connellsburg, Pa.	500		
		Corning, N. Y.	200		
		Corpus Christi, Texas	1800		
		Corlton, N. Y.	600		
		Crawfordville, Ind.	1000		
		*El Dorado, Kans.	50		
		Eureka, Calif.	420		
		Farrell, Pa.	—		
		Findlay, O.	1200		
		Frankfort, Ind.	1500		
		Gadsden, Ala.	15		
		Galt, Ontario	700		
		Gardner, Mass.	1500		
		Geneva, N. Y.	—		
		Talladega, Ala.	600		
		Terrell, Texas	130		
		Thomasville, N. C.	200		
		*Three Rivers, Mich.	100		
		Trenton, Mo.	300		
		Uhrichsville, O.	1500		
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By HOWARD A. TUCKER.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 13.—John Wilkes Booth killed President Abraham Lincoln on the night of April 14, 1865, was chased by soldiers and citizens until surrounded in Garrett's barn. He was killed and according to different government reports, his body was buried in at least five different places. Some American histories while reporting Booth as above, express doubt as to the truth of same however. That a man living under the alias of David E. George, who committed suicide by taking poison, in the Grand Avenue hotel at Enid, Oklahoma, on January 13, 1902, and confessed that he was Booth, was really the slayer of President Lincoln, is proven beyond question of doubt, according to data just recently received by Wm. P. Campbell, custodian of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Historian Campbell, in searching for data about the mysterious man who ended his life at Enid, after making a death bed confession that he was Booth, has corresponded with over two hundred persons. Perhaps the most

all of his friends to secrecy before telling them of his past life.

Custodian Campbell personally knew John Wilkes Booth, alias George, who lived at El Reno, Kingfisher and Enid, at different times. Booth also visited Oklahoma City and was known by many persons here as David E. George. Booth had requested an interview with the historian and the latter was on his way to Enid, to get his life story, on the day that Booth committed suicide. As result of historical data received, Custodian Campbell has just published a book entitled: "The Escape and Wanderings of John Wilkes Booth Until the Ending of the Trail by Suicide, in Oklahoma."

According to data now well established by the historian, John Wilkes Booth lived in Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma also spent part of his life as a fugitive in Old Mexico during the reign of Emperor Maximilian of Mexico. He posed as a scenic artist while living in Oklahoma. In Memphis, he worked as a carpenter, while in Atlanta, he appeared as a traveling evangelist and held a series of meetings there. For a number of years, Booth, living under the alias of John St. Helen, conducted a store at Glendale Mills, Hood county, Texas, located near Bosque mountains.

On at least two different occasions prior to the date of his suicide, Booth, ill and expecting to die, confessed that he was the slayer of President Lincoln. Before making the confession, he exacted promises of the utmost secrecy, however.

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were the last words of Booth, at Enid. A short time prior to this, his confession to Mrs. Harper, wife of the Rev. Harper of El Reno, Okla., was as follows:

"Mr. George, if that was his name, resided in this territory for a number of years and always seemed well supplied with money, the source of which one knew except himself. The money came in regular remittances. My acquaintance with him led me to believe he was a different person from what he represented himself—David E. George, the painter.

"He was eccentric and although claiming to be a house painter, he did no work. (Painted one house but made a bad mess of it.) He was possessed of the highest degree of intelligence, always maintained the bearing of a gentleman of culture and refinement; in conversation was fluent, polished and captivating, discussing subjects of the greatest moment with familiarity and ease.

"Never do I remember his referring to the history of his life or that he was other than David E. George until the time he thought he was going to die—the middle of April, 1902. He had gone up town returning soon after he entered the room where Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Beers and myself were seated. He made some casual remark about the weather for the time of the year, then went to his room. In the

course of about fifteen minutes, he called up and said:

"I feel as though I were going to be very sick" and asked me to get a minister. For some time as he lay on the bed, he gazed at himself in the glass. Mrs. Beers said she could see the pupils of his eyes dilate and believed he had been taking morphine. Being uneasy, I got him a cup of coffee and insisted till he drank it, but when I mentioned sending for a doctor, he raised himself up in a dramatic and peculiar manner and voice while holding the mirror before him:

"Stay, woman, stay! This messenger of death is my guest, and I desire to see the curtain of death fall upon the last tragic act of mine. With a passionate utterance that brought tears to our eyes. As I turned to hide my emotions, he called to me stating that he had something to tell me.

"I am going to die in a few minutes and I don't believe you will do anything to injure me."

"Did it ever occur to you that I am anything but an ordinary painter?"

"I killed the best man that ever lived!"

"I asked him who it was and he answered:

"Abraham Lincoln."

"I could not believe it simply thinking he was out of his head, and asked: 'Who was Abraham Lincoln?'

"Is it possible you are so ignorant as not to know?" he asked.

"Then took a pencil and paper and wrote in a peculiar but legible hand the name—Abraham Lincoln."

"Don't doubt it, he said, 'I am John Wilkes Booth, I am dying now!'

"I feel cold as if death's icy hand had me in its clutch closing my life."

as a forfeit for my deed."

"He told me he was well off; and seemed to be perfectly rational; knew me and where he was, and I really thought in fact he was dying, when he exacted a pledge that I would keep his secret until he was dead, adding that if anyone should find out now, that he was John Wilkes Booth, they would take him out and hang him, and the people who loved him, so well would despise him."

"He told me that people in official life hated Lincoln, and were implicated in his assassination. He said the haunt

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of being detected constantly preyed on him and was something awful and that his life was miserable.

"He said that Mrs. Surratt was innocent and the thought that he was responsible for her death as well as that of the others, stalked ever before him like ghosts that would not down.

"He said that he was devoted to acting but had to give it up because of his rash deed, and the thought that he had to run away from the stage when he loved the life of acting so well, made him restless and ill-tempered. He said he had plenty of money but had to play the roll of workman to keep his mind occupied."

CHARTER MEETS OPPOSITION

From The People

TO THE VOTERS:

When I made the race for Mayor I did so without hope of personal gain. I knew at the time that only \$5.00 per month was being paid. Since taking the oath of office last April neither the Commissioners or myself have received one penny for our services.

The present printed ordinance provides that the Mayor and Commissioners may receive \$50 or any part of that amount. So at one meeting when Mr. Perkins was not present the Commission decided that \$25 each would cure for incidentals and this was agreed upon. I was informed that Mr. Perkins advised that we could only receive \$5 and the matter was never discussed any more, except I told Mr. Forrest that if we were going to permit one of our employees to tell us what we could do and what we could not, then we right as well throw up the sponge.

He was very free to admit that we had a perfect right to pay him \$325 per month of the tax payers money.

for his services. On a compromise he finally agreed to accept \$250 until Aug. 10th. I have been advised by one of the Commissioners that they have agreed with him to finish the month. No action was taken at any Commission meeting regarding this matter. I was just thinking what shape we and my bondsmen would be in if any taxpayer wanted that difference refunded as the records are silent as to this transaction.

I made the Commissioners this proposition, that if they would permit me to employ some good bookkeeper I would guarantee to handle the city's affairs in a business like manner and save to taxpayers not less than \$2,500 per year.

Let me tell you something: during the year 1922 more than \$8,970 passed through the general fund.

These figures were taken from the city records. This fund is the only fund that money can be used for any and all purposes and I want you to know it was all spent.

The other funds must be kept separate and only used for the specific purpose for which the bonds were voted.

The general fund is overdrawn about \$10,000 now with 5 more months to run before tax paying period. We have had the city books audited and will give you a report on it soon.

Now in all fairness to you before you cast your vote, why not ask your Commissioners who they have in mind to appoint as City Manager and who they intend to make City Recorder. Without the charter the Mayor is Ex-officio Recorder. And in this connection I want to say that the nearest blood money I ever received is my fees for slight infractions of the traffic laws.

I can place a fine on a real law violator with as much grace as any man who ever occupied the chair.

In conclusion I want to say there is no malice in my heart for any one.

My sole aim and purpose is to give you the best possible government at a minimum cost.

Yours very truly,

E. WATSON, Mayor.

GULF WITHERSPOON

A PROLIFIC LEASE

The Gulf Production Company's 20 acre Witherspoon lease in the southwest end of the field has proven to be the most prolific lease in the field for its size. Five additional tests are being drilled on the same lease, and every test is in offset location due to the shape of the lease.

The b. s. and water trouble reported last week in some of the wells on the south edge of the structure in the southwest end of the field has been materially reduced by curtailing the flow of the wells. Humble's B. F. Irvine 1-A is only making about two per cent b. s. after greatly restricting its flow to 125 barrels per hour, although it made as high as 20 per cent when allowed to flow at the rate of 15,000 barrels.

FORT WORTH.—Operators of Dallas-Fort Worth jitneys are preparing to resist enforcement of the ordinances of that city recently adopted prohibiting the operation of jitneys on certain streets to relieve traffic congestion.

TESTS SEEM FAVORABLE.

If the depth at which the Austin chalk is found may be taken as a good indication of successful completion of the S. D. Ramsey property approximately one mile in advance and in direct line of the present Southwesterly trend of production, seems destined to be one of the richest producing tracts in the Corsicana-Powell-Mildred field, says the operators of the leases there. Two of the tests drilling on the Ramsey tract have gone through the chalk at the proper horizons, according to surface elevations and the general character of the formation is favorable for production, according to the owners.

LABOR UNION BANK

DALLAS, Aug. 11.—Operation of a labor union bank here within a few months was forecast today by representatives of trade unions and the Farm Labor union, following approval of plans for the bank by various organizations behind the movement. It is proposed to organize the bank either as a state or national institution, along the lines followed by railway union organizations and by central councils in other cities where banks are in successful operation.

HUMBLE OIL COMPANY AUGMENTS FORCE

The pipe line being laid to Hearne from Groesbeck by the Humble Oil Company has brought to our city a large force of workmen, and visitors to the Humble Oil company properties now view a small city of tents raised almost over night to house the men. It is good to watch the hum and stir of the crowd, and better still to think that the great industry is located among us.—Hearne Democrat.

ABILENE.—The Abilene Chamber of Commerce will make a trip over West Texas August 21 to 24 and among other places will visit Roby over the rebuilt Roby and Northern Railroad. This will be the first Pullman train to go over that short line which is now being electrified.

HOT WEATHER TOGS

If you're going to buy any clothes this summer—here's something we want to say to you.



This shop contains at this moment the largest and best assortment of cool summer suiting to be found anywhere. When we say largest assortment, we mean your advantage in selecting; when we say best assortment, we mean best for you.

We are especially prepared to do expert cleaning and pressing.

THE EL PASO TAILORS

PHONE 547

102 E. COMMERCE

A NEW STORE

A NEW, AND COMPLETE STOCK OF VARIETY GOODS

—Everything to be found in a well kept Variety Store, and our prices are lower. We solicit your trade.

THE PEOPLE'S VARIETY STORE

211 South Sherman St.

"Try us First—We Have It"



—When down town drop in our parlor or drive up to our front and call for one of our creams. They're delicious! Fountain drinks of all kinds are served, too.

SPECIAL LUNCHES

DELICIOUS CANDIES

—WANTED CIGARS

WE SERVE THE BEST

Chocolate Shoppe

G. M. JANUARY, Proprietor

WHY NOT AT BENNETT'S?

The most complete and up-to-the-minute drug store, where the best of service and attention is given to every one.

Our fountain at present is working over time serving our many patrons with delicious refreshments.

The display cases are filled with the most up-to-date perfumes and toilet articles.

In our prescription department, which is constantly in charge of a competent pharmacist, we are using only the highest quality of drugs and chemicals.

In addition to the above mentioned, we have a delicious line of high grade summer candies including Mrs. Saylor's California Unusual Chocolates.

TRY BENNETT'S FIRST

—if we haven't it, we'll get it.

BENNETT'S DRUG STORE

COR. COMMERCE AND SHERMAN—PHONE 438

Observe The Following Rules

and you will aid us in giving you

Better Laundry Service

1st.—Send your list and count with each bundle.

2nd.—Send flat work and wearing apparel in separate bundles.

3rd.—Telephone us early in the mornings as possible.

NEW-WAY
LAUNDRY
PHONE 399.

SUMMER RATES

Seersucker Suits Clean and Press.....\$1.00

Palm Beach, Mohair, Tropical

Worsted at\$1.25

WE CLEAN CLOTHES CLEAN

EAST SIDE TAILORS

PHONE 602

P. S. We Are Going to Stay in Mexia.

319 So. McKinney Street

WINNING NEW CUSTOMERS

DAY BY DAY

—When every day new faces appear in our store and voices call over the phone whom we haven't heard before, we can pretty well say and be right in our assertion that—

CUSTOMERS ARE GETTING WHAT THEY WANT.

—That's the uppermost thing in our minds. Stock what the customers want, in the way they want it and at the time they want it.

—Wilson & Forrest Grocery and Market continues to grow each day. At all times the very best of groceries, fruits, cereals, vegetables, canned goods, meats, etc., are obtainable at our store. Ask your neighbor about our estable or better still phone us your order and let us prove to you that the place to trade after all is—

WILSON & FORREST
GROCERY AND MARKET
PHONE 55

PHONE 155

Proper Lubrication Is the life of your car

We sell only high grade lubricating oils and greases and have expert workmen who know how.

Can take care of your lubricating needs night or day.

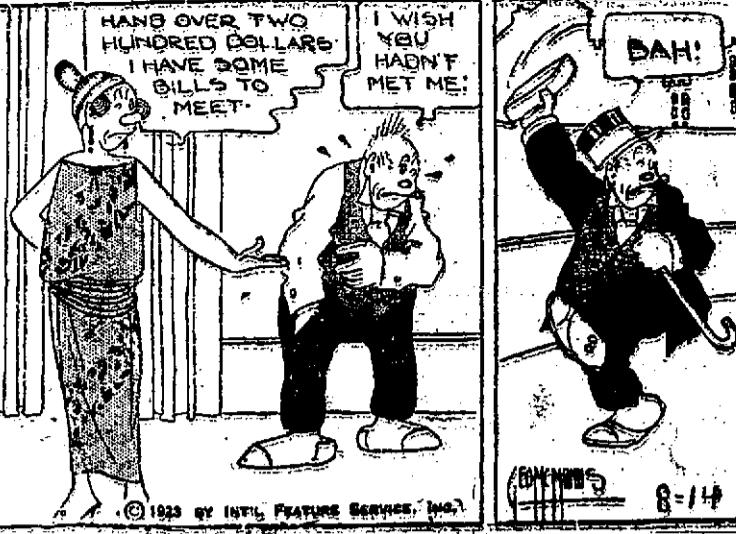
King Motor Co.

The Day's Opportunities As Told In The Classified Ads

BRINGING UP FATHER



Bringing Up Father Appears Daily in The Mexia Daily News
Copyright International Feature Service, Registered U. S. Patent Office.



By George McManus

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

CLASSIFIED RATES—One cent a word for each insertion. No single ad taken for less than 25 cents. Everybody reads these little ads, so if you want to buy or sell, or have lost or found any article, here is where you can get good results. No advertisement accepted over the telephone except from those who have a Regular Charge Account.

WANTED TO BUY—E

WANTED AT—Wardrobe exchange fall suits, dresses and hats. Also dress making. Everything dry cleaned and pressed. Furs relined, made over. 213 N. McKinney. Phone 557-5. 6E7

SUR SALE OR EXCHANGE—F

WE SELL and exchange all kinds of furniture, floor covering, stoves, and kitchen hardware. M. Langston, new and second hand furniture. Phone 56. May 10f.

FOR SALE—J

FOR SALE—Established, exclusive millinery and ready-to-wear stores of twenty-three years in the best town in the state of Texas. Small millinery stock and fixture. Most attractive shop in the city. Located in the heart of the shopping district. Lease and building, 25x90. Two very attractive show windows. Box 141, Corsicana. 6J6

FOR SALE—One Menges folder in good condition. Cost \$400.00, will sell for \$350.00. News Publishing Company, Mexia, Texas. 9J15

FOR SALE—Two room house, right price, for quick sale. Third house in 900 block East Titus. Call O. M. Harrington. 9J3

FOR SALE—By owner, 8 lots with two houses, half block from South McKinney street. Price \$1200, small cash payment, easy terms. Apply at 400 East Sumpter street. Phone 271-8J6

FOR SALE—Three room residence with two porches and all modern conveniences. 629 N. Sherman. See F. W. Hopkemier at residence. 8J8

FOR SALE—Three and one-half Webber wagon. Bought 11-20, good shape, right. At Ed Harrison's on Shiloh road. 12J3

HOUSES FOR RENT—K

FOR RENT—Thr. room box house, beaver boarded. On East Milam street. Phone 387, or call at 209 E. Main. 12K2

ROOMS FURNISHED—L

FOR RENT—Nice clean, cool, housekeeping apartments, all modern conveniences. Lights, gas and water furnished. Summer rates. Gates Apartments, 824 E. Commerce street. 8L30

FOR RENT—South room, 7 windows, to men, in private home. Terms reasonable. Apply at 600 East Sumpter. Phone 271-J. 8L4

FOR RENT—Large South room with five windows, has two beds. Also large room over garage. 600 East Palestine. Phone 679-3. 9L3

FURNISHED—Light housekeeping rooms. Also furnished, two room house. 515 N. Sherman street. 12L7

I want to get in touch with a few Marathon Oil company stockholders, will you please write. J. W. Radley, Mexia, Texas, R. 1, Box 6. 12-2-2-I

FOR RENT—Two or three room apartment furnished with sleeping porch, hot and cold water and other conveniences. Desirable location and close in. 502 E. Main. 10L7

FOR RENT—Completely furnished modern apartment. Also three room house with all modern conveniences. 1101 Titus. Phone 269-J. 12L3

John P. Young is back again and he says they have some of the non-fade oils and stripes for awnings still on hand.

Our prices are lower, but so not that you can get better work any where in the U. S. Because you can enjoy it, and you may never again have the opportunity to get the same high class work at any price. Mexia Tent and Awning Company. Phone 67-W. E. Main and Red River streets. 12R7

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preceding said day of sale, in The Mexia Daily News, a newspaper published in Limestone County.

Witness my hand this 10th day of August, 1923.

White Popejoy,
Sheriff Limestone County, Texas.
By N. P. Harris, Deputy.

(12-19-26)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR STATE ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION:

Sealed proposals addressed to Hon. H. F. Kirby, County Judge of Limestone County, for the improvement of certain highways in Limestone County, will be received at the office of County Judge at Groesbeck, Texas, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Sept. 10th, 1923, and then publicly opened and read.

Description of Work to be Done—Construction of 4 miles of Exall highway from Mexia and extending south, work consists of constructing an 18-ft. macadam base and one and one half inches of hot mix Uvalde rock asphalt.

Bids will be received separately for macadam base and rock asphalt surfacing or for the entire job.

Detail plans and specifications of the work may be seen for examination, and information may be obtained at the office of J. G. McIntosh, Humphreys Building, at Mexia, Texas, and at the office of the State highway department, State office building, Austin, Texas.

A certified, or cashier's check for 5 per cent of amount bid made payable without recourse to Hon. Fountain Kirby, County Judge of Limestone County, Texas, must accompany each proposal, as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into a contract and make bond for full amount bid with some surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas in accordance with requirements and specifications, the right is reserved by the party of the first part to reject any and all proposals or to waive all technicalities.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked, "Bids for the construction of the Exall highway, in Limestone County." All bids received will be retained by the Department and will not be returned to the bidder.

J. B. Watson, Jr.,
County Auditor Limestone Co.
(12-19-26-2-9)

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Limestone County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Morris Jones by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 77th District Court of Limestone County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Groesbeck, Texas, on the first Monday in September A. D. 1923, the same being the 3rd day of September A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of August A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 3628-A, wherein Lila Jones is Plaintiff, and Morris Jones is Defendant, and said petition alleging plaintiff and defendant were legally married, that defendant abandoned plaintiff for more than three years, plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of abandonment, for such relief as the Court may grant.

Herein fail not, and have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Groesbeck, this the 3rd day of Aug. A. D. 1923.

John Wakefield, Clerk,
Dist. Court, Limestone County.
A true copy I certify.

White Popejoy,
Sheriff, Limestone County, Texas.
By N. P. Harris, Deputy.

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Dr. H. Duke Pittman
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
MEXIA, TEXAS

Room 205

Pittman Bldg.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Limestone County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon G. F. Lindsey by making publication of this Citation once in

each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in

some newspaper published in your

County, if there be a newspaper pub-

lished therein, but if not, then in any

newspaper published in the 77th Ju-

dicial District; but if there be no

newspaper published in said Judicial

District, then in a newspaper pub-

lished in the nearest District to said

77th Judicial District, to appear at

a regular term of the Justice's Court

of Precinct No. 4, Limestone County,

Texas, to be held at the town of

Mexia, in said Limestone County, on

the 11th day of September, 1923,

then and there to answer a petition

filed in said Court on the 19th day

of July, 1923, in a suit numbered

on the docket of said Court No. 226,

wherein W. D. Pittman, a resident of

Limestone County, Texas, is plain-

tiff and G. F. Lindsey, a non-resi-

dent of the State of Texas, is defen-

dant, plaintiff's demand being for

the sum of \$137.55, due upon claim

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California, no imposing figure in gold face and knee breeches responds solemnly. On the contrary, it's quite likely that an attractive little woman in gingham apron will usher you in and ask you to be seated while she dashes back into the kitchen and pulls a cake out of the oven. That little woman with black hair like Bebe's and the same large black eyes, is her mother.

That is what happened to an interviewer who recently called at the bungalow. Before he had had an opportunity to study the soft colorings of the Oriental rugs and examine the richly carved furniture and ornaments which were evidently family heirlooms Bebe, herself, breezed in.

"Come out and meet grandmother," she suggested.

We did. Out on a cool porch there was a white-capped old lady who responded with cordiality to Bebe's introduction. Soon mother returned from the kitchen without the apron.

"Now the whole family is here," the charming young hostess announced.

"I love to get out into the open," she went on. "I like animals, too. Just now I have two dogs, a collie and a bulldog. Horses, too, I am very fond of. I have ridden almost since I can remember. We have a country place of twenty-five acres near Glendale, California, and I like nothing better than to spend a week-end there.

"Oh, yes, I like some sports—such as polo and swimming. I don't care much for golf or tennis. For indoor sports, I like dancing best."

Miss Daniels has a passion for collecting Oriental things. Some of her furniture was given to her by her grandmother, who is a daughter of a former president of Columbia.

Miss Daniels is co-starred with Antonio Moreno in "The Exciter," a new Paramount picture coming to the National theater next Monday for two days. This is a delightful comedy drama, and Miss Daniel's role is said to fit her like the proverbial glove.

MERCEDES.—The Rio Grande Valley Telephone company has acquired the Mercedes Telephone exchange. This company has a number of exchanges in the Rio Grande Valley.

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